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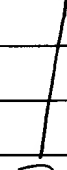

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U.S. Patent Documents				
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<u>2R</u>	<u>—</u>	5,263,937	11/23/93	Shipp
<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	5,279,564	01/18/94	Taylor
<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	5,279,575	01/18/94	Sugarbaker
<u>2R</u>	<u>—</u>	5,354,302	10/11/94	Ko

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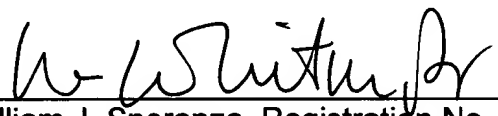
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	0 577 400 A1	01/05/94	Europe
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	42 38 596 A1	06/01/94	Germany (with English abstract)
	43 07 228 A1	09/15/94	Germany (with English abstract)
	82 16 373.1	09/09/82	Germany

The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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